



Fellowship Student Ministry Fall 2026

Mission and Vision

Our desire is to see all students experience and live out the LIFE they have in Christ! That is, Loving God, Investing in Others, Following His Word, and Engaging our World. We aim for our students to have an intimate relationship with our Creator, a consistent investment in one another's lives, a desire to practically live out the principles of God's Word, and to play an active role in creating disciples.

Core Values of Student Ministry

- Spiritual development
 - Evangelism and outreach
 - Service and local missions
 - United with church body
 - Partnering with parents
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Wednesday Night Reach (Junior High, Senior High)

- Reach is our main Wednesday night program, serving as an introduction to our ministry as we encourage our students to "Reach Out" to the greater Waco community. Our students will experience worship, relevant biblically based teaching, small groups separated by grade (and gender for junior high), and Christ-centered community and fellowship. Our hope is for students to be engaged with God's Word and to actively practice their faith by inviting their friends to come alongside them.
- This fall, the Senior High and Junior High will be combined for teaching time and then separate for small groups. The teaching series for this fall will cover the following: Identity, Discipleship, Dating & Relationships, AI, Ask Night, Heaven & Hell, and a Christmas lesson. (More details about curriculum on p.4)

Wednesday Night Reach Fall 2026 Calendar

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| • August 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*
(Ice Cream Social) | • October 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m. |
| • August 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | • October 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m. |
| • September 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | • November 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m. |
| • September 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
(other ministries and pizza begin) | • November 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*
(Ask Night & Feast Night) |
| • September 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*
(Water Wars Party) | • November 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
(other ministries and pizza wrap up) |
| • September 23, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | • November 25, No Reach |
| • September 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | • December 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m. |
| • October 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | • December 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*
(Christmas Party) |
| • October 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*
(Outdoor Game Night) | <i>* later end time</i> |

Wednesday Night Reach Schedule*

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| 6:15 Doors open for open gym
and hanging out | 7:30 Small groups |
| 6:30 Reach begins, fellowship | 7:55 Wrap-up worship and prayer |
| 6:35 Announcements &
Icebreaker | 8:00 Dismissal and open gym |
| 6:45 Worship | 8:30 Depart and lock up church |
| 7:05 Lessons (JH & SH combined) |
* except Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct.
14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9 when
dismissal is at 8:30 p.m. |

Wednesday Night Reach Leaders

Junior High (7th-8th)

WEDNESDAY 7TH/8TH GIRLS SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Autumn Hines

Sharon George

Amber Smith

WEDNESDAY 7TH/8TH BOYS SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Michael Findley

Grant Turnbow

Xander Leidig

Kole Willett

Wednesday Night Reach Leaders

Senior High (9th-12th)

HS TEACHING TEAM

Nathan Davis

Brantley Hall

Pete Younger

Leighton Carl

9TH GRADE SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Leighton Carl

Jenny Carl

10TH GRADE SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Tracy Blackshear

Joyce Blackshear

11TH GRADE SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Brantley Hall

Trinity Hall

12TH GRADE SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Pete Younger

Rachael Younger

PARENT COORDINATOR

Elizabeth James

ADDITIONAL SMALL GROUP HELPERS & GREETERS

Benji Joyner

Elizabeth James

Nathan Davis

Debbie Miller

Student Ministry Worship Team (7th-12th)

These students love to humbly lead our ministry in worship on Wednesday nights! For all students currently on the team, and those who are interested in joining, there is a meeting **Sunday, August 30, 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the High School room.** Cori Taylor, our Student Ministry Worship Associate, will explain the objectives and expectations for this group of students. Parent attendance is requested at this meeting, and pizza is provided.

Wednesday Reach Teaching Series Fall 2026

JUNIOR HIGH & SENIOR HIGH

Hot Topics - Going Deeper

Last year we looked at many different topics that are prevalent and relevant in teen culture and society. Our goal was to present a biblical worldview on these topics and equip students to be able to discuss these topics with friends and in class. Although we limited each topic to one lesson, most of them needed several weeks to cover everything. So that is what we are doing this year! We are looking at fewer topics but going deeper with most of them! That is exciting!

We will be sending out series previews before we begin a new topic so you can see what material will be covered and how we plan to approach each topic.

Ask & Feast Night

The Ask Night is a designated night where we will simply answer questions from students that they submit in the previous months. There will be an “Ask” box set out each Wednesday night for students to submit questions. This will be in conjunction with our Feast Night which is our biggest outreach event for the year and brings students near and far! It is a fantastic opportunity to share the Gospel and transform lives!

August 19	Fall Kickoff	October 21	Dating & Rel.
August 26	Identity	October 28	AI & Ethics
September 2	Identity	November 4	AI or The Holy Spirit
September 9	Identity	November 11	Ask & Feast Night
September 16	Discipleship	November 18	Hell
September 23	Discipleship	November 25	No Reach Activities
September 30	Dating & Relationships	December 2	Heaven
October 7	Dating & Relationships	December 9	Christmas Party
October 14	Dating & Relationships		

Sunday Morning One:Three Classes (Junior High, Senior High)

- The name for this class comes from Psalm 1:3: “He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” The goal of this part of the Student Ministry is to help ensure Fellowship’s students have the strong foundation of a Christian education and biblical literacy.
- Sunday Morning Fall Calendar: Our classes meet every Sunday, 10:45 a.m.-Noon, except these Family Worship Sundays:
 - September 6, 2026
 - November 29, 2026
 - December 27, 2026
- Whenever possible, we encourage families to worship together during the 9:00 a.m. service, and then students can attend One:Three without missing the worship service. Worshipping as a family with the church body is invaluable for students’ long-term spiritual health. We also have the above Family Worship Sundays dedicated to worshipping God as a family, with the larger congregation.

Sunday Morning One:Three Leaders

Junior High (7th-8th)

JH SUNDAY MORNING TEAM

Grant Turnbow

Michael Findley

Jennifer Chakmakjian

Rachael Younger

Sunday Morning One:Three Leaders

Senior High (9th-12th)

SH SUNDAY MORNING TEAM

Brantley Hall

Pete Younger

Nathan Davis

Sunday One:Three Teaching Series Fall 2026

JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH (SEPARATE CLASSES)

The Gospel of Luke

We started this series in late spring and it will be continuing in the fall.

Pastor J.D. Greear, the author of this study, has this to say about the series, “Who is Jesus of Nazareth, and what does he ask of us? For help answering these questions, we can turn to Luke’s orderly account of Jesus’ life and ministry – the Gospel of Luke. In this series we will walk through Luke’s Gospel, highlighting who Jesus is, what He did, and how the people around Him responded. Luke shows us that Jesus is the Savior who came who came to seek and save people in need, including us – and we must decide how to respond when He lovingly moves toward us.”

This has been a great study. You can find the link to the study guides for this series in the weekly student email that we send out.

Rooted Discipleship Groups (High School)

- Rooted is our main discipleship program that meets off campus on different days of the week. High schoolers meet in small groups of their peers of the same gender where they “grow deep” with one another and are mentored by an older believer of their choosing. Rooted participants will experience vulnerability as they discuss their lives and walk in accountability with one another, pray with one another, and discuss a topic of their choosing that might include Christian living, apologetics, identity, or cultural issues of the day. The goal of these discipleship groups is for students to put down deep roots of maturity in Christian community.
- Contact Rachael Younger, our Rooted coordinator, with any questions at the.china.lady@gmail.com.

Student Leadership Team (10th-12th)

- Fellowship's Student Leadership Team is for older students who regularly attend Sundays and Wednesdays in our ministry and desire to grow in servant leadership. These students give insight behind the scenes, serve selflessly, are committed to their walk with the Lord, and have a heart for the ministry and for people.
- Applications to join the SLT will be available August 19, 2026. Nathan Davis and Brantley Hall will be leading and training the team this year.

2nd Sundays!

- We are excited to announce a new addition to the calendar for the fall - 2nd Sundays! These events are intentionally low-key with the goal that nothing feels overly programmed and it is easy to bring a friend. We wanted to create cheap, easy, and fun opportunities for fellowship and service. Students will bring their own lunch for the events in September-November. They will need money for lunch in December. More details will be provided in the weekly student emails.
- Sunday September 13, 2026 - Picnic & Park Day (Woodway Park), 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Sunday October 11, 2026 - Pickleball Sunday (First Woodway), 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Sunday November 8, 2026 - Nursing Home Service Day (Lynridge), 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Sunday December 13, 2026 - Thriftstore Challenge (Various Thriftstores), 12:30-2:30

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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – Fall Kickoff & Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 22, 2026 – Pool & Pickleball Party, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 6, 2026 – Family Sunday, No One:Three classes
- Sunday, September 13, 2026 - 2nd Sunday - Picnic & Park Day, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 16, 2026 - Reach & Water Wars Party, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 19, 2026 – Service Project (Sleep In Heavenly Peace), 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monthly Parent Briefings

- Something else new that we are going to try this fall is monthly parent briefings. These will take place the second Sunday of each month after the first service, 10:20-10:40 a.m. in the senior high room. The goal of these briefings is simply to get face time between the leaders and parents. All we will do is briefly talk through the teaching topics and events for the next month and answer any questions you may have.

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